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SUBJECT: SECURITY INCIDENTS - June 9 - June 15, 2008.

¶1. The following security incidents were compiled from RSO sources, to include both Israeli and Palestinian security contacts, government officials and publications. These were gathered over the previous week and collected in a database. The information is used by the RSO to determine the security situation and trends of political, inter-factional and inter-family violence throughout the West Bank and Gaza. The weekly information is also plotted onto maps reflecting numbers of different incidents by location. It is also shared with Post Country Team and OSAC members on a daily basis for purposes of security awareness and is passed to the Visa Vipers Coordinator.

¶2. The following is a list of security incidents for the period of June 9 - June 15, 2008 for JERUSALEM, the WEST BANK, and GAZA from the RSO database compiled and maintained by the FSNIs:

#### Jenin

06/10/08- Jenin: At 0300 hrs, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) troops entered the city and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported. Jenin Refugee Camp: At 0300 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported.

06/11/08- Jenin Refugee Camp: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and arrested the following six Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) militants: Muhammad Jamal Tubasi (23), Muhammad Abd al-Turkman (19), Ibrahim Assad Abu Qalafah (30), Muslah Balalu (48), Tha'yr Muslah Balalu (20), and Ibrahim Muslah Balalu (19). Kufr Dan, northwest of Jenin: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested PIJ militants Adham Taysyr al-Jamal (21) and Wa'yl Mustafa Abd al-Latif Abad (19).

06/12/08- Burqin, west of Jenin: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested the following three PIJ militants: Tha'yr Ali Muhammad Salamah (20), Muhammad Mahmud Qassam Shalamaysh (20), and Ahmad Yassin Ahmad Yassin Qalaf (21). Maythalun, west of Jenin: At 0200 hrs, IDF entered the village and arrested PIJ militant Tawfayq Asad Rabay'a (20).

06/13/08- Rumanah, west of Jenin: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested PIJ militants Amayd Tawfayq Umur (21) and Hussam Muhammad Bushnaq (34). Al-Far'a Refugee Camp: At 0400 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and clashed with locals. During the clashes, Palestinians threw an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at the troops. No injuries were reported. IDF troops used tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the crowd; Ahmad Qayad Abd al-Ghani Ayad (18) was injured. Bayt Qad, east of Jenin: Palestinian Authority Security Forces (PASF) officers opened a new police station in the village.

06/15/08- Jenin Refugee Camp: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and searched the office of Palestinian lawyer Qarraz al-Sadi. During the operation, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinian militants and IDF troops. Palestinian militants remotely detonated a 20 kilogram IED during the firefight; no injuries were reported.

#### Qalqilya

06/10/08- Eliyahu Checkpoint, near Azzun, east of Qalqilya: At 1600 hrs, IDF troops arrested Ahmad Rashid Abd al-Rahman Qadura (17). Siniriya, southeast of Qalqilya: At 1800 hrs, IDF troops entered the

village and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported.

06/11/08- Qalqilya: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the city and arrested PIJ militants Ala'a Nabhan (25) and Ahmad Abd al-Latif Thayab (26). IDF Mobile Checkpoint, near Bidya, southeast of Qalqilya: At 1230 hrs, IDF troops arrested Rashid Abd al-Rahman with a 7cm long knife in his possession.

06/12/08- Azzun, east of Qalqilya: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported.

06/13/08- Qalqilya: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the city and arrested PIJ militant Iyad Sabri (19).

06/14/08- Jayus, northeast of Qalqilya: At 0800 hrs, PASF officers arrested six Palestinians wanted by the Palestinian Authority (PA) for criminal activities.

#### Tulkarem

06/09/08- Attil: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported.

06/11/08- Tulkarem: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the city and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported.

06/12/08- Tulkarem: At 0100 hrs, an IED accidentally detonated in a local house. No injuries were reported.

#### Nablus

06/10/08- Kufr Qalil, south of Nablus: At 0200 hrs, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinian militants and IDF troops conducting a search operation in the village. No injuries were reported.

06/11/08- Balata Refugee Camp: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and arrested Fatah militants Anas Bassam Iways (17) and Fahmi Salah Musalam (18). During the operation, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinian militants and IDF troops. No injuries were reported.

06/12/08- Nablus: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the city and arrested Fatah militants Abd al-Athaym Muhammad Abd al-Athaym Bukari (22) and Mahmud al-Bubali (20). Ayn Abus, south of Nablus: At 0400 hrs, Israeli settlers from Yitzhar Settlement clashed with Palestinians; Samir Mustafa al-Haj Ali (25) and Ahmad Qalaf Muhammad Abd al-Hamayd (33) were injured. Nablus: At 1600 hrs, Israeli National Police (INP) officers arrested two Israeli settlers on suspicion of shooting at Palestinians. Later, the suspects were released due to lack of evidence. Al-Luban ash Sharqiya, south of Nablus: At 1400 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles. No injuries were reported.

06/13/08- Huwara, south of Nablus: At 1400 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle. No injuries were reported.

06/14/08- Al-Zawah, southwest of Nablus: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested PIJ militants Ra'yd Muhammad Ghalab Shqayr (29) and Sabah al-Ghazawi (22).

#### Jericho

06/10/08- Gitit Checkpoint, north of Jericho: At 2200 hrs, IDF troops arrested two Palestinians with a 10cm long knife in their possession.

06/14/08- DCO Checkpoint, south of Jericho: At 1200 hrs, IDF troops arrested Muhammad Ahmad Abd al-Halaym Qlayl (28).

#### Ramallah

06/09/08- Ramallah: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the city and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported. Ramun, northeast of Ramallah: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village

and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported. Ni'lin, northwest of Ramallah: At 1900 hrs, 150 Palestinian and Israeli peace activists held a demonstration against the construction of the security/separation barrier. IDF troops used tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the crowd. Seven protestors were injured.

06/10/08- Jaba Checkpoint, south of Ramallah: At 1345 hrs, IDF troops arrested a Palestinian female with a 13cm long knife in her possession. The suspect admitted that she planned to stab an Israeli.

06/11/08- Al-Jilazun Refugee Camp: At 0100 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and arrested Hamas militant Ibrahim Samih Shatat (30). Al-Birah, north of Ramallah: At 0100 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested Hamas militant Firas Sulayman Abad (35). Ni'lin, northwest of Ramallah: At 1300 hrs, Palestinian and Israeli peace activists held a demonstration against the construction of the security/separation barrier. IDF troops used tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the crowd; eight Palestinians and one IDF soldier were injured. Al-Mazra'a ash Sharqiya, northeast of Ramallah: At 2130 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle. No injuries were reported.

06/12/08- Ramallah: At 2300 hrs, IDF troops entered the city and arrested al-Aqsa Brigades (AB) militant Amjad Badharin (22), who was wanted for shooting towards IDF troops.

06/13/08- Bil'in village, west of Ramallah: At 1330 hrs, Palestinian and Israeli peace activists held a demonstration against the construction of the security/separation barrier. IDF troops used tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the crowd. Two Palestinians and one Israeli were injured.

06/14/08- Ramallah: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the city and arrested PIJ militant Ibrahim Tmalah.

#### Jerusalem

06/10/08- Az-Za'ym Checkpoint, Ma'ale Adumim Settlement: At 1200 hrs, IDF troops arrested eight Palestinians without proper work permits.

06/11/08- In front of the Knesset: At 1030 hrs, Israelis living around the Gaza Strip held a demonstration, asking the Israeli government to stop the rocket and mortar shelling of their settlements. The demonstration ended peacefully.

06/12/08- Al-Ram, north of Jerusalem: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported. French Hill Bridge: At 1730 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles; no injuries were reported. One Palestinian (14) was arrested. Al-Azariyyah, east of Jerusalem: At 2200 hrs, during a search operation in the village, IDF troops found an ammunition cache containing several magazines for a "Galil" assault rifle.

06/15/08- Anata, east of Jerusalem: At 1400 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested one Palestinian.

#### Bethlehem

06/11/08- Al-Ma'sara, southwest of Bethlehem: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested Hamas militant Mahmud Abd al-Qarim Zawahrah (21). Safa, southeast of Bethlehem: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported. Husan village, northwest of Bethlehem: At 2230 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles. One Israeli was injured.

06/12/08- Husan, northwest of Bethlehem: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested Muhammad Basam Hamamrah (23).

06/13/08- Al-Ma'sara, west of Bethlehem: At 1230 hrs, Palestinian and Israeli peace activists held a demonstration against the construction of the security/separation barrier. IDF troops used tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the crowd; five Palestinians were injured. Al-Qadr, southwest of Bethlehem: At 1230 hrs,

Palestinians held a demonstration against the construction of the security/separation barrier. No injuries were reported. Husan, northwest of Bethlehem: At 1800 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles. One Israeli was injured.

06/14/08- Al-Duhayshah Refugee Camp, southwest of Bethlehem: At 2100 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and clashed with locals. Three Israeli soldiers and eleven Palestinians were injured.

#### Hebron

06/09/08- Al-Fawwar Refugee Camp: At 0300 hrs, IDF troops entered the camp and conducted a search operation. No injuries were reported. Bayt Ummar, north of Hebron: At 1800 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested Sufyan Zyad Mahmud Qmays (16) and Ahmad Mahmud Abd al-Salam al-Lami (16) on suspicion of throwing stones at Israeli vehicles. Tarqumiya, northwest of Hebron: At 2130 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles. No injuries were reported. Bayt Ummar, north of Hebron: At 2230 hrs, Sayd Ahmad Muhsin al-Za'aqiq (17) was shot and injured after he threw a Molotov cocktail at an IDF patrol vehicle. Israeli Prison Authority (IPA) sentenced PIJ militant Yusif Ahmad Rashid Sabarnah to five years of incarceration for his active membership in the organization.

06/11/08- Dura, southwest of Hebron: At 0100 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested the following four Hamas militants: Hashim Taym al-Arjub, Qalaf Ayd Jbara al-Talahmah, Issa Muhammad Issa al-Namura, and Tha'yr Bakr Ahmad Abu Arqub. Tarqumiya, northwest of Hebron: At 0100 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested Hamas militants Qalid Shahrur al-Suwayti (39) and Mahdi Shahrur al-Suwayti (28). Bayt Ummar, north of Hebron: At 0100 hrs, IDF troops entered the village and arrested the following three Hamas militants: Qamal Mahmud Issa al-Za'aqiq, Layth Muhammad Ahmad Ismayl Aday, and Ummar Nasr Abd al-Hamid Abu Mariya.

06/12/08- Tarqumiya, northwest of Hebron: At 1900 hrs, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles. No injuries were reported.

06/13/08- Hebron: At 0200 hrs, IDF troops arrested Hamas militant Nadir Abd al-Hafath Abu Mayalah (28). Thahrayah, south of Hebron: At 1600 hrs, there was an exchange of fire during an armed family dispute; Wa'al Musa al-Batat was killed.

#### Gaza Strip

06/09/08- Khan Yunis: At 0300 hrs, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinian militants and IDF troops conducting a search operation in the area. No injuries were reported. Rafah: At 1730 hrs, Fadi Qalifah (20) and Majdi Abd al-Jawad Qdayr (27) were killed when a tunnel used for smuggling collapsed on them. Security fence, near Kissufim Crossing: at 2130 hrs, Palestinian militants detonated an IED near the security fence. No injuries were reported. Khan Yunis: At 2200 hrs, IDF troops opened fire on a Qassam launch site. No injuries were reported.

06/10/08- Khan Yunis: At 0100 hrs, there was a heavy exchange of fire between Hamas militants and IDF troops conducting a combat engineering operation. No injuries were reported. Dir al-Balah: At 0100 hrs, there was an exchange of fire between Executive Security Force (ESF) militants and arms dealers from the Abu Gharabah family. No injuries were reported. Seven Palestinians were arrested. Rafah: At 0500 hrs, there was a heavy exchange of fire between Hamas militants and IDF troops conducting a combat engineering operation. No injuries were reported. Two Palestinians were arrested. Gaza City: At 0630 hrs, IDF troops opened fire on a Qassam launch site; no injuries were reported. Gaza City: At 1200 hrs, IDF troops opened fire on a Hamas mortar squad launching mortar shells towards Nahal Oz. Hamas militants Ahmad al-Safadi, Yahya Hamid, and Mustafa Attalah were killed and another five Palestinians were injured.

06/11/08- Khan Yunis: At 0100 hrs, there was a heavy exchange of fire between Hamas militants and IDF troops conducting a combat engineering operation. Hamas militant Ibrahim Mahmud Sa'ad al-Masri (20) and PIJ militant Yasir Muhammad Ayd Abu Halayb (26) were killed. Hadil Abd al-Karim al-Smayry (7) was killed and Ahmad Simri (18) and Muhammad Majdi al-Fara (6) were severely injured in the

crossfire. Nussirat Refugee Camp: At 0300 hrs, an IED was detonated outside the house of a Hamas militant; no injuries were reported. Erez Crossing: At 1015 hrs, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) militants opened fire on IDF installations at the crossing. No injuries were reported. Kibbutz Nir Oz: At 1030 hrs, four Israelis were injured when two mortar shells hit the "Nir Tal" factory they were working in. Jabalaya: At 1230 hrs, Israeli Air Force (IAF) opened fire on a Qassam rocket launch site. Muhammad Hussayn I'sayliya (55) was killed and Haba Muhammad Hussayn I'sayliya (10) was injured. Rafah: At 1600 hrs, there was an exchange of fire during an armed family dispute; three Palestinians from the al-Hubi family were injured.

06/12/08- Security fence, Bayt Lahiya: At 1130 hrs, IDF troops opened fire on a group of Palestinian militants planting an IED near the fence. AB militants Qalid Ahmad Zaki Zuhd (21) and Muhammad Jamal Dulah (20) were killed. Bayt Lahiya: At 1000 hrs, ESF militants arrested Muhammad Thayab and Bassam Ahmad. Rafah: At 1230 hrs, ESF militants arrested Fatah activists Imad Abd al-Wahab (35) and Hamid Abd al-Wahab. Bayt Lahiya: At 1340 hrs, an IED accidentally detonated in the house of Hamas militant Ahmad Hamudah. The following seven Hamas militants were killed in the explosion: Majdi Adl Hamudah, Mahmud Ataya Hamudah, Hassan Abd al-Rauf Abu Shaqfah, Muhammad Sabri Abu al-Naja, Ashraf Naym Mushtaha Muhammad Hamdan Miqdad, Ahmad Munir Subuh, and Adal Hamudah. Another 40 Palestinians were injured. Erez Crossing: At 1415 hrs, Hamas militants opened fire on an IDF installation at the crossing. No injuries were reported. Kibbutz Yad Mordechai: At 1455 hrs, an Israeli woman (50) was lightly injured when a Qassam rocket fell in the backyard of her house. Bayt Lahiya: At 1540 hrs, IAF opened fire on a Qassam launch site; no injuries were reported. Khan Yunis: At 1630 hrs, IAF opened fire on a Qassam launch site, injuring two Hamas militants. Security fence, near Nativ Ha'asara: At 1620 hrs, under cover of heavy mortar fire, an armored and booby-trapped bulldozer manned by Palestinian militants attempted to run over the security fence. IDF troops fired several anti-tank missiles towards the approaching vehicle. The Palestinian militants abandoned the bulldozer and managed to escape unharmed.

06/13/08- Dir al-Balah: At 1130 hrs, there was a heavy exchange of fire between Hamas militants and IDF troops conducting a combat engineering operation. No injuries were reported. Khan Yunis: At 1600 hrs, IAF opened fire on a Qassam launch site. One Palestinian child was injured. Jabalaya Refugee Camp: At 2000 hrs, Hamas supporters held a demonstration against the Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip. The demonstration ended peacefully. Dir al-Balah: At 2100 hrs, ESF militants arrested a Fatah activist. Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp: At 2230 hrs, Hamas supporters held a demonstration against the Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip. The demonstration ended peacefully.

06/14/08- Bayt Hanun: At 0245 hrs, IAF opened fire on a group of Palestinian militants launching mortar shells towards Israel. No injuries were reported. Jabalaya: At 0600 hrs, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinian militants and IDF troops conducting a combat engineering operation. No injuries were reported. Rafah: At 1430 hrs, ESF militants arrested three Fatah activists. Dayr al-Balah: At 1430 hrs, there was an exchange of fire between IDF troops and Hamas militants planting an IED near the security fence. No injuries were reported. Rafah: At 2000 hrs, Fatah supporters held a demonstration against the Hamas takeover in the Gaza Strip. ESF militants dispersed the crowd.

06/15/08- Gaza City: At 0100 hrs, there was an exchange of fire between ESF militants and unknown gunmen. No injuries were reported. Security fence, near Kissufim Crossing: At 1645 hrs, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinian militants and IDF troops conducting a combat engineering operation. No injuries were reported. Dayr al-Balah: At 2000 hrs, ESF militants arrested Fatah Secretary General Sami Abu Samra.

13. Between 06/09/08 and 06/15/08, 28 Qassam rockets and 101 mortar shells were launched towards Israel. Five Israelis were injured from these attacks. Hamas claimed responsibility for 23 Qassam and 76 mortar shell launchings. PIJ claimed responsibility for two Qassam and six mortar shell launchings. AB claimed responsibility for two Qassam and five mortar shell launchings. Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) claimed responsibility for one Qassam and six

mortar shell launchings. PFLP claimed responsibility for five mortar shell launchings. Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) claimed responsibility for three mortar shell launchings.

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